December 20, 1988

Nudist/Naturist Leadership Council
c/o Larry Landrum
1808 Garden Springs Drive
Blacksburg, Virginia 24060

Dear Larry,

Per our phone conversation I am sending this information for your distribution, evaluation and handling.

We all remember that Michelle Handler was ousted from the NLC last year for writing a letter critical of Lee Baxandall, and sending it to perhaps as many as 200 people without first discussing the matter with him. She expressed, with great care, a reasonable concern about the direction of TNS and particularly about the centerspread in 7.1 and other exploitative images of women that Baxandall had published. In the letter she stated that although she was director of the NLC, the opinions were her own and were not made in an official capacity.

I was shocked to find, in the last issue of *Bare In Mind* (enclosed), an article by John Kyff, written under his title as NNLC Legal Coordinator. This article is as careless, reckless and vindictive as any I have seen in the nudist/naturist press. Kyff's statements are *libel*. (His statements are not "provably true" and they *have* damaged my reputation. They were, in fact, written with that intention. If you doubt that ask a *real* lawyer, *not* your so-called "legal coordinator.")

The article was sent to thousands without first contacting me, the other Cape Cod plaintiffs or our attorney for the other side of the story. Instead Kyff relied on third-hand information from Baxandall. Kyff wrote the article without even *reading* our statement! One need only read our six page political statement to see that Kyff grossly misrepresented our views. John Kyff apparently wrote his column in his official capacity as the NNLC Legal Coordinator. Does he speak for the NNLC?

I have also enclosed a copy of an item that Lee Baxandall sent to the nudist/naturist press encouraging editors not to print our statement or my Opinions. Using big words and garbled intellectualism he attempts to prevent our perspective from being printed. This is abominable. Are naturists to simply take Kyff's article as the last word? Yet Baxandall has shown no concern about Kyff's abuses because they are on the same "team." Does the NNLC condone this kind of behavior?

Lastly, but certainly not least: in a letter dated 17 October 1988, written to me on letterhead identifying the author as "NNLC legal coordinator," John Kyff wrote: "Finally, it is revealing to me if not to others that you are still using N.O.P.E. stationery. It is general knowledge of course that N.O.P.E. was a SIG within The Naturist Society, but not yet generally known that its charter was terminated by TNS many weeks ago."

For the record: N.O.P.E. is a completely independent political organization. Neither Lee Baxandall or John Kyff have any 'authority' to "terminate" our charter. We have no charter!

Upon receiving this letter I immediately called Lee Baxandall to confront him about Kyff's wild accusation. Baxandall denied ever saying anything of the kind. Who's lying here: Kyff or Baxandall? Which of them believes they can use this kind of intimidation to yank titles and organizations from people they disagree with? Ask yourself: can the naturist "lifestyle" continue when men are behaving like power-hungry zealots?

Well, that kind of patriarchal arrogance and intimidation won't work with me, and both Baxandall and Kyff should know that by now. Anyone who thinks I will go away quietly as Michelle Handler did just doesn't know me very well.

NOPE will continue, under my directorship, to remain active, with a national focus, pursuing our previously stated goals and purposes. We will continue "to educate and network for a clothes optional ethic while confronting pornographic values within the naturist community and in all facets of our culture."

NOPE is an organization committed to naturist values and we resent John Kyff's false, libelous accusations and insinuated threats made as "NNLC Legal coordinator." Did Kyff represent the NNLC's legal opinion regarding NOPE? Did Kyff speak for the NNLC when he wrote his column? If this does not represent the opinion of NNLC, I request a letter reflecting that as soon as possible.

For the sake of our "lifestyle" I do not want to go through another year like the last two years with the NLC. (From what I have heard the 'organization' will not stand the strain.) If Kyff was *not* speaking for the NNLC I request that he be reprimanded in writing for abuse of his organizational title. Also, that some procedure be established to prevent abuses like this in the future. Additionally, I request a sincere, written apology from the NNLC and/or John Kyff to be submitted to all publications that print the enclosed article in full or in part. Then and only then will I consider this matter closed.

At the last NNLC meeting you might have noticed that I quietly and quickly stated my views about the unjust way in which Michelle Handler was removed from the NLC and then withdrew N.O.P.E. from the organization in protest.

I did not hamper your progress because I know you have much important work to do if this "lifestyle" is to be saved. I do not wish to impede that progress. However, there is nothing I hate more than inequality and unfairness. Please rectify this hypocrisy and double standard so we may move on to other arenas. We all have much productive work to do once this is dealt with.

I do hope we can get this one behind us in a hurry.

Sincerely,
Nikki Craft

ENC: Bare In Mind

[Note: This letter was sent on NOPE letterhead. Nikki Craft, August 1, 2026]